

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas Koehler  
Serial No: 09/786,072      Art Unit: 1645  
Filing Date: March 14, 2002  
Title: REACTION CHAMBERS COATED WITH DEFINED  
CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, METHOD FOR  
THE PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF  
Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa E

August 23, 2004

Attorney's Docket No. WEH204T1

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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- <X> AMENDMENT dated August 23, 2004 (55 pages)
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(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703) 415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

( ) Please charge my Deposit Account No.11-0224 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A signature or signatures required for the above recited document(s) is (are) provided herebelow. Such signature(s) also provide(s) ratification for any required signature appearing to be defective in the above recited document(s).

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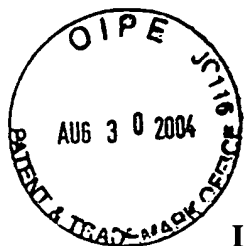
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 23, 2004 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on May 23, 2004.

Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.